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### EDITORIAL COMMENT

#### *Durham Wins Aycock Cup*

By winning the Aycock Memorial Cup for two years in succession the Durham High School has earned a coveted honor among North Carolina High Schools and it has established a reputation in the field of debate that will remain one of its cherished traditions. Durham has been the winner over all comers in three of the ten annual contests held under the auspices of the Debating Union, but the cup has become its permanent possession by virtue of Durham's second successive annual victory. Here's congratulations to the Durham High School—its students, teachers, debaters, and their trainers. You have won a signal victory over worthy opponents, and the prize that is yours has been worthily awarded.

#### *Two Important Cases*

There are pending before the Supreme Court of North Carolina two cases that have direct bearing of the greatest importance on the State's educational program. The one is to determine the validity of the act authorizing the State to issue \$5,000,000 of bonds for school buildings; the other relates to the voting of special taxes for school purposes in consolidated districts.

Should the bond act be declared unconstitutional, most of the counties will find themselves in a most embarrassing financial condition. In the hope and expectation of getting State aid from this source, many counties have projected their building programs, have let contracts for new buildings, negotiated short-term loans through local banks, and proceeded with their work. To say they will be financially embarrassed is indeed to state the case mildly.

Should the second case be decided adversely, the consolidation program may receive a temporary set-back, though the result will not be so disastrous as would be an adverse decision on the bond act. An adverse de-

cision, however, will not affect the authority of the county boards to consolidate districts, but it will affect the voting of local taxes on consolidated districts.

Early decisions are expected in both cases. Further comment will be made on these cases in our May issue.

#### *The NEA*

The next meeting of the National Education Association will be held in Boston in July, and it will be an important meeting. Are you a member of the Association? Why not enroll now and make your plans to go to Boston in July?

#### *Summer School*

Again the time is at hand when wide-awake and progressive teachers are laying their plans for summer study and wide-awake and progressive summer schools are making their plans to accommodate the thousands of teachers that will seek admission. At this time all indications point to crowded conditions at all the larger summer schools of the country. A word to the wise should be sufficient. Select the summer school that offers you the best advantages and arrange early for your accommodations.

### THE HERFORD AESOP

A Child was found one pleasant day  
Reading a book of Verses gay.  
Of him, an Adult, chancing by  
Demanded what he read, and why  
He was not with his friends at play.  
The Child replied he'd rather stay  
And read his Aesop story book.  
The Adult said, "Come, let me look!"  
And then exclaimed, "Why this is done  
By Mr. Herford! Well what fun!"  
He took the book, turned with delight  
To drawings gay and verses bright.  
An hour passed, the Child now wept,  
"I want my book that you have kept."  
Alas, the Adult heard him not,  
The waiting Child he quite forgot,  
But not the book. He passed from view  
And took the Herford Aesop too.  
The moral, friends, is plain as pease,  
This Herford book is sure to please  
Both young and old—and I surmise  
That Mr. Aesop's pleased likewise.—E. D. S.